



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

For Public Review and Comment:

Re: New Proposal to Cap FMC/Astaris Hazardous Waste Pond
Proposed Amendment of Attachment A to the U.S. v. FMC Corporation Consent Decree (No. CIV98-C406-E-BLW)

Attached is the proposed amendment to "Attachment A" of the Consent Decree referenced above. For reference, we have also included the existing Attachment A.

Attachment A contains the compliance schedule and requirements for closing the hazardous waste ponds at the FMC/Astaris Pocatello facility, and for building and operating a waste treatment plant -- the ALDR Treatment Facility.® Paragraph 21 of Attachment A currently requires FMC to remove all the sediment that collects in Pond 18, and treat it in the LDR Treatment System within 5 years after the LDR Treatment System begins operation in May 2002.

The following proposed amendment would eliminate the requirement to remove and treat all of the Pond 18 sediments, and replace it with a requirement to close Pond 18 according to the amendment, which includes placing a protective cap over most of the sediments.

The 30-day public comment period on the proposed amendment closes on September 21, 2001.

